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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

This Communication is in response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements dated October 30,2006, setting forth a period for reply ending December 30, 2006. A copy of this Notice is enclosed. Submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by all inventors.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the late declaration surcharge of \$130 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16(e) to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755 as well as any other fees that are required in connection with this Response. If there are any questions with respect to this communication, please contact the undersigned.

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# NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/13/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/13/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/13/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/13/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/13/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/13/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/13/2006
- Specification filed on 04/13/2006
- Claims filed on 04/13/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/13/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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